

Tuesday 10 December 2024

# Business Bulletin

*Iris Ghnothaichean*



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

### Meeting of the Parliament

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection: Sila Collins-Walden, Quaker

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Topical Questions (if selected)

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: 2025 National Improvement Framework and Long-term Strategy for Scottish Education

**followed by** Stage 3 Proceedings: Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Scottish Government Debate: Pathways to Global Human Rights: Towards a Stronger Human Rights Culture in Scotland

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-15654 Kenneth Gibson: Opposition to the Post Office Closure Plan

### Committee Meetings

**9:00am** Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

**9:15am** Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

**9:30am** Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

**10:00am** Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

**10:00am** Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

**10:15am** Finance and Public Administration Committee

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**1. Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the reported review of more than 1,000 CT scans, in light of concerns regarding the quality of assessments made by a consultant radiologist. ([S6T-02241](#))

**2. Kevin Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it had with the UK Government at the British Irish Council summit regarding ending the two-child benefit cap. ([S6T-02237](#))

**followed by Ministerial Statement: 2025 National Improvement Framework and Long-term Strategy for Scottish Education**

**followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill**

[S6M-15783](#) **Siobhian Brown: Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill**—That the Parliament agrees that the Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill be passed.

**followed by Scottish Government Debate: Pathways to Global Human Rights: Towards a Stronger Human Rights Culture in Scotland**

[S6M-15782](#) **Shirley-Anne Somerville: Pathways to Global Human Rights: Towards a Stronger Human Rights Culture in Scotland**—That the Parliament recognises 10 December 2024 as Human Rights Day; supports this year's theme of "Our Rights, Our Future, Right Now"; agrees that human rights present a route to a more peaceful, equitable and sustainable world; recognises that this year marks the 75th anniversary of the formation of the Council of Europe, and supports its vital mission to uphold human rights, democracy and the rule of law in Europe; celebrates important steps to advance rights in Scotland, including the commencement of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024; commends the role of human rights organisations, human rights defenders and wider civil society in driving change and challenging everyone to do better, and reaffirms its own commitment to strengthen, respect, protect and fulfil human rights through both practical action and future legislation.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendment

[S6M-15782.2](#) **Tess White: Pathways to Global Human Rights: Towards a Stronger Human Rights Culture in Scotland**—As an amendment to motion S6M-15782 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Pathways to Global Human Rights: Towards a Stronger Human Rights Culture in Scotland), leave out from "that this year" to end and insert "the important work of bodies, organisations and charities in Scotland, across the UK and around the world that act to uphold

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**5:00 pm Decision Time**

**followed by Members' Business**  
**Debate on the subject of—**

**[S6M-15654](#) Kenneth Gibson: Opposition to the Post Office Closure Plan**—That the Parliament notes the opposition to the proposal set out in the Post Office's Transformation Plan on 13 November 2024 to consult on closing its 115 remaining crown branches; understands that these proposals would involve the closure of 10 branches in Scotland, including the branch in Saltcoats town centre; notes the opposition of the Communication Workers Union, which has characterised the proposal as being "as tone deaf as it is immoral"; believes that crown branches provide a range of vital services that are not available in all Post Offices; notes the view that, at a time when more and more shops and services are leaving the high street, there is a case for more crown branches, not fewer, and conveys its sympathy to the estimated 1,000 Post Office employees whose jobs are now at risk.

## Committee Meetings

All meetings take place in the Scottish Parliament, unless otherwise specified.

### Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 34th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6, 7 and 8 in private.
2. **Scrutiny of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Rosemary Agnew, Ombudsman, Andrew Crawford, Head of Improvement, Standards and Engagement, and Judy Saddler, Head of Investigations Public Service Complaints, Scottish Public Services Ombudsman.
3. **Renters' Rights Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will take evidence on Legislative Consent Memorandum LCM-(S6)-49 from—  
Paul McLennan, Minister for Housing, Craig Campbell, Housing Registers Policy & Casework Manager, Laura McMahon, Solicitor, Legal Directorate, and Yvette Sheppard, Head of Housing Legislation and Reform Unit, Scottish Government.
4. **Cladding remediation programme:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Paul McLennan, Minister for Housing, and Stephen Lea-Ross, Director, Cladding Remediation, Scottish Government.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—  
[Building \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2024](#)
6. **Scrutiny of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
7. **Renters' Rights Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
8. **Cladding remediation programme:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

### Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 37th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Environmental Governance:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Gillian Martin, Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy, Tim Ellis, Deputy Director, Future Environment, and Charles Stewart Roper, Head of Environment Strategy and Governance Unit, Scottish Government.
3. **Land Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Donna Smith, Chief Executive, Scottish Crofting Federation;  
Andrew Thin, Commissioner, and Gary Campbell, Chief Executive Officer, Crofting Commission.
4. **Environmental Governance:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

5. **Land Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

### Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 35th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6, 7 and 8 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on—  
The Burial (Management) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft] and  
The Burial and Cremation (Inspection) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft] from—  
Jenni Minto, Minister for Public Health and Women's Health, Johanna Irvine, Solicitor,  
Katrina McNeill, Team Leader - Burial and Cremation, and Ruth Wilson, Senior Policy  
Advisor, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Jenni Minto (Minister for Public Health and Women's Health) to  
move—  
S6M-15517— That the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee recommends that the  
Burial (Management) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.  
S6M-15516— That the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee recommends that the  
Burial and Cremation (Inspection) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—  
[Burial \(Applications and Register\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#)  
[Sports Grounds and Sporting Events \(Designation\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2024](#)
5. **NHS Dental Services:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Jenni Minto, Minister for Public Health and Women's Health, Tom Ferris, Chief Dental  
Officer, and Tim McDonnell, Director of Primary Care, Scottish Government.
6. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider a draft report on the Burial  
(Management) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft] and the Burial and Cremation (Inspection)  
(Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft].
7. **NHS Dental Services:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under  
agenda item 5.
8. **Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to  
scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.

### Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 35th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

1. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Electronic Monitoring \(Use of Devices and Information\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#)  
(SSI 2025/Draft)  
[Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme \(Amendment\) Order 2025](#) (SI 2025/Draft)
2. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Electronic Monitoring \(Approved Devices\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024](#)  
(SSI 2024/354)

### Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

## 28th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Post-legislative scrutiny and the non-implementation of specific Acts of the Scottish Parliament:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Jamie Hepburn, Minister for Parliamentary Business, Jeff Gibbons, Criminal Justice Division, Simon Stockwell, Family Law Unit, and Nel Whiting, Violence Against Women and Girls Unit, Scottish Government.
3. **Post-legislative scrutiny and the non-implementation of specific Acts of the Scottish Parliament:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 2.

## Finance and Public Administration Committee

### 35th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 10:15 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **Budget Scrutiny 2025-26 and Scottish Fiscal Commission's Economic and Fiscal Forecasts - December 2024:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Professor Graeme Roy, Chair, Professor David Ulph, Commissioner, John Ireland, Chief Executive, and Claire Murdoch, Head of Fiscal Sustainability and Public Funding, Scottish Fiscal Commission.
2. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

## Future Meetings of the Parliament

Business Programme agreed by the Parliament on 4 December 2024

### Wednesday 11 December 2024

**2:00 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:00 pm** Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government

Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic  
Finance and Local Government

**followed by** Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Delivering a Common Sense Budget for Scotland

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Approval of SSIs (if required)

**5:10 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-14427 Jeremy Balfour: Reversal of £10 Million Funding for Changing Places Toilets

### Thursday 12 December 2024

**11:40 am** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**11:40 am** General Questions

**12:00 pm** First Minister's Questions

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-14008 David Torrance: Kingdom Off Road Motorcycle Club Awarded £90,000 of Funding

**2:30 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:30 pm** Portfolio Questions: Net Zero and Energy, and Transport  
Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

**followed by** Health, Social Care and Sport Committee Debate: Remote and Rural Healthcare Inquiry

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

### Tuesday 17 December 2024

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Topical Questions (if selected)

**followed by** Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business

### **Wednesday 18 December 2024**

**2:00 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:00 pm** Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; Health and Social Care

**followed by** Stage 1 Debate: Education (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Financial Resolution: Education (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Approval of SSIs (if required)

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business

### **Thursday 19 December 2024**

**11:40 am** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**11:40 am** General Questions

**12:00 pm** First Minister's Questions

**12:45 pm** Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**1:10 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business



## Future Committee Meetings

This section includes the agendas of the forthcoming committee meetings and outlines proposed future business, which may be subject to change. Committees have the right to take items in private and this will be notified as far in advance as possible.

Many committees include details of their future business on their webpages, which can be accessed on the committee hub page.

<http://www.parliament.scot/business/committees/index.htm>

### Education, Children and Young People Committee

11 December 2024

33rd Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **Scottish Languages Bill:**

The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).

#### Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Pauline McIntyre on 85252 or at [Pauline.McIntyre@parliament.scot](mailto:Pauline.McIntyre@parliament.scot)

### Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

11 December 2024

30th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Follow-up inquiry into salmon farming in Scotland (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.
2. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

#### Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Emma Johnston on 85225 or at [emma.johnston@parliament.scot](mailto:emma.johnston@parliament.scot)

### Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

11 December 2024

19th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—
  - PE1900: Access to prescribed medication for detainees in police custody;
  - PE1930: Ensure customers are always given information on cheapest possible fare in new Scotrail contract;
  - PE1947: Address Scotland's culture of youth violence;
  - PE1952: Specialist services for patients with autonomic dysfunction;
  - PE2012: Remove need for follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH) blood tests before prescribing Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT);

PE2051: Improve the processes for protecting children and young people from traumatic incidents at school;

PE2060: Review existing legislation and legal remedies against trespassers; and

PE2064: Ensure that under 16s charged with rape are treated as adults in the criminal Justice system.

- 3. Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—  
PE2119: Help protect the Black Grouse by reviewing how new forestry schemes are regulated and implemented; and  
PE2120: Permanently remove peak fare pricing from ScotRail services
- 4. Petition signature process:** The Committee will consider the process for signing petitions.
- 5. Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Jyoti Chandola on 85227 or at [jyoti.chandola@parliament.scot](mailto:jyoti.chandola@parliament.scot)

## **Economy and Fair Work Committee**

**11 December 2024**

**33rd Meeting, 2024**

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

- 1. Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 7 in private.
- 2. Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—  
[Public Procurement \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024](#)
- 3. Product Regulation and Metrology Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will take evidence on legislative consent memorandum (LCM(S6)50) from—  
Richard Lochhead, Minister for Business, Euan Page, Head of UK Frameworks, and Pieter van de Graaf, Head of International Trade Flows and Regulations, Scottish Government.
- 4. City Region and Regional Growth Deals:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Malcolm Bennie, Director of Place Services, Falkirk Growth Deal;  
David McDowall, Head of Economic Growth, Ayrshire Growth Deal;  
Anne Murray, Chief Officer, Economic & Community Regeneration, Islands Growth Deal;  
Rick O'Farrell, Director, Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal.
- 5. Product Regulation and Metrology Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier under agenda item 3.
- 6. City Region and Regional Growth Deals:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier under agenda item 4.
- 7. Work programme:** The Committee will consider a paper by the clerk with a proposal for joint work with the Education, Children and Young People Committee on skills policy.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Anne Peat on 85182 or at [anne.peat@parliament.scot](mailto:anne.peat@parliament.scot)

## **Criminal Justice Committee**

## 11 December 2024 39th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's proposals for amendments relating to reform of the Victim Notification Scheme from—  
Siobhian Brown, Minister for Victims and Community Safety, Lucy Smith, Victims and Witnesses Unit, Mari Bremner, Forensic Mental Health, and Jasmin Hepburn, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
2. **Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.

### Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Stephen Imrie on 85931 or at [Stephen.Imrie@scottish.parliament.uk](mailto:Stephen.Imrie@scottish.parliament.uk)

## Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 12 December 2024 28th Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **Review of the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement Inquiry: Part 2:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
William Bain, Head of Trade Policy, British Chambers of Commerce;  
Adam Berman, Director of Policy and Advocacy, Energy UK.
2. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### Proposed future business

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, James Johnston on 85215 or at [james.johnston@parliament.scot](mailto:james.johnston@parliament.scot)

## Public Audit Committee 12 December 2024 32nd Meeting, 2024

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda items 3, 4 and 5 in private.
2. **NHS in Scotland 2024: Finance and performance:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;  
Carol Calder, Audit Director, Leigh Johnston, Senior Manager, and Bernie Milligan, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
3. **NHS in Scotland 2024: Finance and performance:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—  
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;  
Carol Calder, Audit Director, Leigh Johnston, Senior Manager, and Bernie Milligan, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.

4. **NHS in Scotland 2024: Finance and performance:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 3 and agree any further action it wishes to take.
5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Katrina Venters at [Katrina.Venters@parliament.scot](mailto:Katrina.Venters@parliament.scot)

## **Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee**

**12 December 2024**

**26th Meeting, 2024**

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Cross-Party Groups (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to a consultation on proposed changes to the rules on Cross-Party Groups.
2. **Code of Conduct Rule Changes (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to proposed changes to the Code of Conduct for MSPs.
3. **Review of Oral Questions (in private):** The Committee will consider a note from the Clerk.

### **Proposed future business**

For further information, contact the Clerk to the Committee, Catherine Fergusson on 85186 or at [catherine.fergusson@parliament.scot](mailto:catherine.fergusson@parliament.scot)

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## Motions

Motions and amendments are usually printed the day after lodging. When an amendment is lodged, then the original motion will be republished alongside it.

### Motions and amendments can be published with symbols:

- \* before the number indicates publication for the first time
- \*...\* around a section of text indicates changes to previously published material
- R indicates a member has declared a registered interest

The Parliamentary Bureau periodically deletes motions or amendments that are over six weeks old and not scheduled for debate.

Questions regarding this section should be directed to the Chamber Desk.

### Motions for Debate

\*[S6M-15792](#) **Craig Hoy: Delivering a Common Sense Budget for Scotland**—That the Parliament believes that the draft Scottish Budget 2025-26 will not deliver good value for taxpayers; notes its continuation of the Scottish National Party administration's high-tax agenda, which has damaged economic growth in Scotland; condemns funding for free bus travel for asylum seekers, which could have instead been used to provide 6,600 pensioners in Scotland with a full Winter Heating Payment, and calls on the Scottish Government to cut income tax to 19% for those earning up to £43,662, introduce full business rates relief for pubs and restaurants across Scotland for 2025-26, and raise the threshold at which house buyers pay residential Land and Buildings Transaction Tax to £250,000.

\*[S6M-15783](#) **Siobhian Brown: Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill**—That the Parliament agrees that the Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill be passed.

Supported by: Angela Constance\*

\*[S6M-15782](#) **Shirley-Anne Somerville: Pathways to Global Human Rights: Towards a Stronger Human Rights Culture in Scotland**—That the Parliament recognises 10 December 2024 as Human Rights Day; supports this year's theme of "Our Rights, Our Future, Right Now"; agrees that human rights present a route to a more peaceful, equitable and sustainable world; recognises that this year marks the 75th anniversary of the formation of the Council of Europe, and supports its vital mission to uphold human rights, democracy and the rule of law in Europe; celebrates important steps to advance rights in Scotland, including the commencement of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024; commends the role of human rights organisations, human rights defenders and wider civil society in driving change and challenging everyone to do better, and reaffirms its own commitment to strengthen, respect, protect and fulfil human rights through both practical action and future legislation.

Supported by: Kaukab Stewart\*, Graeme Dey\*

\*[S6M-15782.2](#) **Tess White: Pathways to Global Human Rights: Towards a Stronger Human Rights Culture in Scotland**—As an amendment to motion S6M-15782 in the name of Shirley-

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**\*[S6M-15782.1](#) Maggie Chapman: Pathways to Global Human Rights: Towards a Stronger Human Rights Culture in Scotland**—As an amendment to motion S6M-15782 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Pathways to Global Human Rights: Towards a Stronger Human Rights Culture in Scotland), insert at end "; expresses both profound disappointment and frustration at the lack of progress this year with the much anticipated proposed Human Rights Bill, to incorporate specific protections for disabled people, women and people of colour, as well as social, cultural and economic rights, and the right to a healthy environment; recognises the urgent need to close the gap between ambition and actual realisation of these rights for too many people in Scotland, and calls on the Scottish Government to outline how, in the absence of legislation at this stage, it will address the implementation gap and put human rights at the heart of its decision making."

### Other new and altered motions and amendments

**\*[S6M-15789](#) Rachael Hamilton: Farmers Choir Performance on 30 November 2024 at Borders Events Centre**—That the Parliament congratulates the Farmers Choir on its performance on 30 November 2024 at the Borders Events Centre in Springwood, Kelso, organised by the Border Union Agricultural Society and directed by musical director, Kate Picken MBE; acknowledges that the Farmers and Farmers' Wives Choirs were established in 2013 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Scottish Association of Young Farmers; notes that the event was held to raise funds for the Border Union Schools Countryside Day and the My Name's Doddie Foundation; further notes that Borders farmer and international rugby legend, John Jeffrey, known as "The Great White Shark", hosted the evening, which featured popular songs and hits from iconic musicals; commends the choir for its efforts to support mental health awareness within the farming community, and applauds the Border Union Agricultural Society for raising nearly £200,000 with the generous backing of estates, trusts, businesses and individuals.

Supported by: Jeremy Balfour\*, Alexander Stewart\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Douglas Ross\*, Liam Kerr\*, Annie Wells\*

**\*[S6M-15788](#) Pam Gosal: La Vista Restaurant at Cameron House Wins Best Restaurant in the West at the Scottish Italian Awards 2024**—That the Parliament congratulates La Vista Restaurant, at Cameron House Hotel, Loch Lomond, on winning the Best Restaurant in the West

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title at the Scottish Italian Awards 2024; notes that the restaurant has been open for less than one year and promises diners a culinary journey through the lakes and coastal towns of Italy; understands that it prides itself on warm hospitality and authentic Italian flavours, and wishes its team every success for the future.

**\*[S6M-15787](#) Pam Gosal: Hayston Golf Club Kirkintilloch Wins Best Fish Tea in Scotland 2024**—That the Parliament congratulates Hayston Golf Club, which is based in Kirkintilloch, on being named the winner of the Best Fish Tea in Scotland category at the Scottish Fish and Chip Awards 2024; notes that the judges decided that its fresh beer-battered fish was top for quality, taste, freshness and value; understands that the captain of the club, Graham Wylie, was delighted that its catering side has been honoured; acknowledges the rigorous judging criteria to help ensure that only the finest businesses are awarded, and wishes the club every success for the future.

**\*[S6M-15785](#) Annie Wells: Clydebank Recovery Group Celebrates an Important Milestone**—That the Parliament congratulates For All Bankies (FAB), which is a recovery group that is based at Clydebank Methodist Church, on its first anniversary; notes that the volunteer-run group was set up in late 2023 as a safe space for people with addiction or mental health issues and also provides a human connection to those who are struggling or who feel isolated; understands that its volunteers receive training through the Dumbarton Joint Hospital; notes that the group is for everybody, and acknowledges that FAB runs every Monday between 11.00 am and 2.00 pm at the church, which is located on Second Avenue, and is free to attend.

**\*[S6M-15784](#) Maggie Chapman: Acknowledging Nihon Hidankyo, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 2024**—That the Parliament understands that the Nobel Committee has awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for 2024 to Nihon Hidankyo, the Japanese grassroots organisation of atomic bomb survivors from Hiroshima and Nagasaki, who are also known as Hibakusha; acknowledges that Hibakusha have worked tirelessly for decades to raise awareness of the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons use; recognises what it sees as the ongoing relevance of their message in a world where, it believes, the threat of nuclear weapons remains a pressing concern; believes that nuclear disarmament is a crucial step towards ensuring global peace and security, and that the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) offers a vital framework for achieving a world free of nuclear weapons, and encourages governments to take concrete steps to honour this award, including enhanced engagement with the TPNW, participation in international disarmament efforts, and collaboration with civil society to advance the cause of nuclear abolition.

**\*[S6M-15781](#) Liz Smith: Sandy Begbie Receives the Freedom of the City of London**—That the Parliament sends its warmest congratulations to Sandy Begbie CBE FRSE, who is the chief executive of Scottish Financial Enterprise, on receiving the Freedom of the City of London; understands that the highly prestigious award is in recognition of his notable and longstanding contribution to Scotland's financial and professional services sector, four decades on from leaving school, at 17, to join the Royal Bank of Scotland, and acknowledges Sandy's previous work, including leading the development of the Scottish Government's Young Person's Guarantee, chief transformation officer at Tesco Bank, responsibility for the Global People, Organisation and Culture Integration following the Standard Life and Aberdeen Asset Management merger, and as both Standard Life's chief people officer and lead executive for China and Hong Kong for eight years.

**\*[S6M-15780](#) Emma Harper: Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow's 425th Anniversary**—That the Parliament congratulates the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow on its 425th anniversary; understands that the Royal College represents the views of more than 15,000 members from across the world to provide and share best practice of patient care; believes that over the past four centuries, the Royal College has worked to develop education, deliver exams and contribute to the advancement of good health policy; highlights that one of the mottos of the Royal College is “not just to live, but to have a healthy life”; notes that the tenure of President, Mike McKirdy, who has been a long-standing and influential member of the Royal College, is coming to an end; welcomes the incoming President, the interventional cardiologist, Professor Hany Eteiba, and wishes the Royal College a successful anniversary year and delivery of services to its members and public health policy for many more years to come.

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**\*[S6M-15778](#) Michelle Thomson: Larbert and Stenhousemuir Age Concern Celebrated for Positive Community Impact** —That the Parliament congratulates Larbert and Stenhousemuir Age Concern on the recent recognition that it has received from Keep Scotland Beautiful (KSB), where it was commended for its ongoing work to improve its community with the view to benefiting the climate, the people and nature; notes that it is a participant in the KSB initiative, It's Your Neighbourhood, which is a part of the organisation's Climate and Nature Friendly Communities Network; further notes that the Larbert and Stenhousemuir group was recognised at KSB's annual seminar and celebration event on 3 December 2024 for the positive impact its fantastic volunteers have made to their community; congratulates it on the recognition that it has received, and thanks it for its continued hard work.

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**\*[S6M-15777](#) Clare Haughey: Commending Gilly Feron on Over 30 Years of Volunteering with LEAP**—That the Parliament congratulates Gilbert "Gilly" Feron on receiving the Community Champion Award at the recent Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire Awards in recognition of his over 30 years of volunteering with the Cambuslang-based charity, LEAP; notes that Gilly was commended for his tireless championing of the welfare of older people and for helping the organisation support thousands of people across Lanarkshire every year; understands that LEAP also won the Grassroots Organisation Award at the same ceremony in recognition of its efforts in offering learning and leisure activities and for supporting older people with befriending, handyperson and dementia services, which, it believes, are all enormously valued in the community, and wishes Gilly, and all of the staff and volunteers at LEAP, all the very best in their future endeavours.

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**\*[S6M-15776](#) Clare Adamson: Lauren Magunnigal Awarded the Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland's Queen Nurse Title**—That the Parliament congratulates Lauren Magunnigal, who is a charge nurse in the Older Adult Community Mental Health Team at NHS Lanarkshire, on being awarded what it sees as the prestigious Queen's Nurse title; understands that the award, which recognises outstanding community nursing practice, was presented to 21 community nurses from across Scotland who completed the Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland's (QNIS) programme; further understands that the programme, which includes a mix of residential and online workshops,



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as well as individual coaching sessions, challenges participants to choose a project that will have a meaningful impact on the people that they care for, with an emphasis on equity and inclusion; acknowledges what it considers as the invaluable contributions of QNIS, which is a small charity that supports community nurses and midwives in enhancing their professional skills to provide exceptional patient care, and wishes Lauren all the best for the future.

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**\*S6M-15772 Emma Roddick: Congratulating Aidan Lennan on Winning Scotland's Young Athlete of the Year**—That the Parliament congratulates the University of the Highlands and Islands student, Aidan Lennan, on being named Scotland's Young Athlete of the Year; understands that the award was announced at the Scottish Sports Awards held on 4 December 2024; notes that Aidan has won several world kickboxing championship titles over the last few years, including two gold medals this year at the WAKO Youth World Championships in Hungary; congratulates Aidan once again on his recent success, and wishes him all the best for the future.

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**\*S6M-15770 Miles Briggs: NHS Lothian Midwife's Pioneering Theatre Scrubs**—That the Parliament pays tribute to Stacey Boyle, who is a midwife with NHS Lothian, for inventing what it sees as the pioneering theatre scrubs, Cozy Cuddle Scrubs; believes that this product has the potential to revolutionise neonatal care and improve outcomes for newborn babies; understands that babies delivered by caesarean section can be carefully placed into the sling-like pouch worn by the birth partner while the surgical team focus on the mum and the completion of the procedure; appreciates that this means that the baby can nestle inside the scrubs and reap the benefits of skin-to-skin contact that has been proven to regulate temperature, stabilise heartbeat, support steady breathing, help with early feeding and improve long-term health outcomes, and wishes Stacey, and NHS Lothian, all the best for the future.

**\*S6M-15750 Humza Yousaf: Congratulating Shahid Choudhary**—That the Parliament congratulates the Glasgow Pollok constituent, Shahid Choudhary, who is originally from Mian Channu, Pakistan, on being, it believes, the first Scottish Pakistani Muslim to “bag” all 282 Munros; considers that, in doing so, he served as an inspiration and role model to many people, particularly those from diverse communities; applauds the support that he was given by his team members, Asrar Ahmed and Ifty Ahmad; congratulates Mr Choudhary on obtaining certification as a Lowland Leader, Hill and Moorland Leader, Mountain Leader, and Camping Leader, demonstrating both dedication to completing the challenge and to safety and environmental stewardship, and applauds Mr Choudhary for being a role model, for people in Scotland of all backgrounds, in connecting with their natural heritage while learning perseverance and experiencing the emotional, physical and mental benefits of hiking and hillwalking.

Supported by: Murdo Fraser\*, Miles Briggs\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Marie McNair\*, Stephanie Callaghan\*, Bill Kidd\*, Foysoyl Choudhury\*, Karen Adam\*

## Motions and amendments which have attracted additional support

**S6M-15775 Emma Roddick: Celebrating 10 Years of Same-sex Marriage in Scotland** (lodged on 06 December 2024)

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New Support: Audrey Nicoll\*, Kevin Stewart\*, Colin Beattie\*, Emma Harper\*, Paul O'Kane\*, Monica Lennon\*, Bill Kidd\*, Jackie Dunbar\*, Karen Adam\*, Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-15774](#) Emma Harper: Open University Receives GTCS Professional Recognition**  
(lodged on 06 December 2024)

New Support: Miles Briggs\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Tess White\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Marie McNair\*, Bill Kidd\*, Karen Adam\*, Jackie Dunbar\*

**[S6M-15771](#) Emma Roddick: £21,977 Donated to Primary Schools in the Highlands and Islands as Part of the Asda Cashpot for Schools Initiative** (lodged on 06 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Jeremy Balfour\*, Bill Kidd\*, Emma Harper\*, Annie Wells\*, Audrey Nicoll\*, Pam Duncan-Glancy\*, Jackie Dunbar\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-15769](#) Claire Baker: Harmony Energy Income Trust Supporting Charities and Community Groups in Lochgelly** (lodged on 06 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Pam Duncan-Glancy\*, Foysol Choudhury\*, Karen Adam\*, Alex Rowley\*

**[S6M-15768](#) Colin Beattie: Edinburgh Boiler Company Wins Building Services Contractor of the Year** (lodged on 06 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-15767](#) Clare Haughey: Remote and Rural Healthcare Inquiry** (lodged on 06 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-15766](#) Tim Eagle: Glenevedale House Wins Prestigious Scottish Thistle Award** (lodged on 05 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Pam Gosal\*, Brian Whittle\*, Sharon Doweey\*

**[S6M-15765](#) Tim Eagle: Kabn Wins Prestigious Scottish Thistle Award** (lodged on 05 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Brian Whittle\*, Sharon Doweey\*, Alex Rowley\*

**[S6M-15764](#) Gillian Mackay: Celebrating the International Day of Persons with Disabilities**  
(lodged on 05 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Ariane Burgess\*, Alex Rowley\*

**[S6M-15763](#) Jackie Dunbar: Dyce Primary School in Asda Cashpot for Schools Top 10**  
(lodged on 05 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-15762](#) Maggie Chapman: 10 Years of Taught by Muhammad Foodbank Dundee** (lodged on 05 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

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**[S6M-15761](#) Karen Adam: Community and Sporting Champion, David Jarvis** (lodged on 05 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-15759](#) Douglas Lumsden: Celebrating the Extension of Torness Nuclear Power Station** (lodged on 05 December 2024)

New Support: Pam Gosal\*, Brian Whittle\*

**[S6M-15757](#) Liam McArthur: NHS Orkney Receives UNICEF Gold Accreditation for Maternity and Health Visiting Services** (lodged on 05 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-15756](#) Emma Roddick: Award-winning Social Enterprises** (lodged on 05 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-15755](#) Marie McNair: Clydebank Hospital Worker Honoured for 50 Years of Service to the NHS** (lodged on 05 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Pam Gosal\*, Sandesh Gulhane\* R, Alex Rowley\*

**[S6M-15754](#) Elena Whitham: Celebrating 25 Years of Action for Children's Lisalanna Service** (lodged on 05 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Pam Duncan-Glancy\*, Brian Whittle\*, Sharon Dowey\*, Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-15751](#) Neil Bibby: Congratulating Norrie Murray on his Retirement After 21 Years of Service at Ralston Skills Centre** (lodged on 05 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Karen Adam\*, Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-15748](#) Clare Adamson: Asda Cashpot for Schools** (lodged on 05 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Karen Adam\*, Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-15747](#) Clare Adamson: YMCA Wishaw Receives Equipment** (lodged on 05 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Karen Adam\*, Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-15746](#) Clare Haughey: Dunns Food and Drinks Wins Top Industry Award** (lodged on 05 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-15745](#) Stephanie Callaghan: Bothwell Futures Secures £10,000 from Can Do Community Challenge Fund** (lodged on 05 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Karen Adam\*, Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-15743](#) Alexander Burnett: Harris McCutcheon Chosen to Represent Scotland on Butterfly Conservation Panel** (lodged on 04 December 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

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**[S6M-15741](#) Marie McNair: Bankie Gymnasts Win 19 Scottish Champion Titles** (lodged on 04 December 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*, Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-15740](#) Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to the Tivoli Theatre** (lodged on 04 December 2024)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-15737](#) Alexander Burnett: Craig Davidson Wins the Scottish Craft Butchers SVQ Level 2 Modern Apprentice of the Year Award 2024** (lodged on 04 December 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-15730](#) Annie Wells: Multimedia Campaign to Tackle Violence Against Women and Girls in Glasgow** (lodged on 05 December 2024)

New Support: John Mason\*, Paul Sweeney\*, Pam Gosal\*, Sandesh Gulhane\*, Russell Findlay\*, Brian Whittle\*, Sharon Dowey\*

**[S6M-15729](#) Stephanie Callaghan: Ramon Hutchingson and ARCH Recognised at UNISON Local Service Champions Awards** (lodged on 06 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*

**[S6M-15728](#) Tess White: Three North East Chip Shops Win Awards at the Scottish Fish and Chips Awards** (lodged on 04 December 2024)

New Support: Edward Mountain\*, Karen Adam\*, Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-15726](#) Tess White: Arbuthnott Postie's Service to the Community** (lodged on 04 December 2024)

New Support: Edward Mountain\*, Karen Adam\*, Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-15725](#) Clare Haughey: The Beauty Trainer Named Scottish Beauty Training Academy of the Year** (lodged on 04 December 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-15723](#) Karen Adam: Congratulates Sandra Duguid** (lodged on 04 December 2024)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-15722](#) David Torrance: Kirkcaldy Leisure Centre Wins Top Award** (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-15721](#) Audrey Nicoll: Girls in Energy 2024** (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Beatrice Wishart\*, Karen Adam\*, Ben Macpherson\*

**[S6M-15719](#) Gordon MacDonald: Canal View Primary School Pupil Voice Commendation** (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

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**[S6M-15718](#) Stephanie Callaghan: Luke Clayton Achieves Gold at WorldSkills UK National Competition** (lodged on 04 December 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*, Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-15716](#) Annie Wells: Glasgow Pupils Help to Plant Pollok's First Community Orchard** (lodged on 04 December 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-15714](#) Emma Roddick: Eden Court Wins Venue of the Year** (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-15713](#) Emma Roddick: Congratulating Cultarlann Inbhir Nis on its Hero of the Highlands Award** (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-15707](#) George Adam: Paisley's Timmy Allan Wins BBC Radio Scotland Young Jazz Musician of 2024** (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*, Neil Bibby\*

**[S6M-15706](#) Gillian Mackay: Motherwell FC and The Well Society Celebrate International Day of Persons with Disabilities** (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-15704](#) Beatrice Wishart: Author Jen Stout Wins at Scotland's National Book Awards** (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Jackie Baillie\*, Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-15703](#) Liam McArthur: Orkney Musicians Douglas Montgomery and Billy Jolly Celebrated at 2024 Scots Trad Music Award** (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-15702](#) Alexander Stewart: Hospice Fundraising Choir Brings Festive Cheer** (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-15701](#) Alexander Stewart: Clackmannanshire Christmas Wreath CHAS Fundraiser Returns** (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-15700](#) Tim Eagle: Trio of Major Industry Awards for Isle of Harris Distillery** (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-15699](#) Tim Eagle: Norman Macaskill Wins Prestigious Award for Community Contribution** (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

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**[S6M-15698](#) Rhoda Grant: Congratulations to Everyone Involved in Na Trads** (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-15697](#) Tim Eagle: Lochgilphead Branch of Scottish Women's Institutes Marks 95th Anniversary** (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-15696](#) Tim Eagle: Campbeltown Branch of Royal British Legion Scotland Raises Over £4,000** (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-15695](#) Colin Beattie: Wallyford Learning Campus Opens** (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-15694](#) Keith Brown: Congratulations to the Community of Bridge of Allan for Sunnyslaw Land Purchase** (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-15692](#) Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to the OEUK 2024 Award Winners** (lodged on 05 December 2024)

New Support: Paul Sweeney\*, Brian Whittle\*, Karen Adam\*, Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-15691](#) Kevin Stewart: Aberdeen Central Library Innovation Station** (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-15690](#) Kevin Stewart: University of Aberdeen High Voltage Direct Current Research Team** (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-15689](#) Clare Adamson: Motherwell Phoenix Youngsters Wear Red and Back Anti-racism Charity** (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-15688](#) Clare Adamson: Pauline Muldoon Praised by Boss and Team at Constance Care** (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-15687](#) Clare Adamson: Sam Shaves Hair for Horseshoe Bar Charity Day** (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-15686](#) Clare Adamson: Hannah Secures Dancing Titles** (lodged on 03 December 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

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**[S6M-15671](#) Craig Hoy: Congratulating East Lothian's Latest Deputy Lieutenant Appointment, Jenny Harper** (lodged on 05 December 2024)

New Support: Sharon Dowey\*

**[S6M-15669](#) Craig Hoy: Thanking North Berwick Community Council Member Kathryn Smith for Her Exceptional Service** (lodged on 05 December 2024)

New Support: Bill Kidd\*

**[S6M-15615](#) Monica Lennon: Celebrating New College Lanarkshire's Triumph at WorldSkills UK** (lodged on 26 November 2024)

New Support: Tess White\*

**[S6M-15563](#) Jackie Baillie: Muscular Dystrophy UK Publishes Missing People, Missing Support Report** (lodged on 21 November 2024)

New Support: Tess White\*

**[S6M-15543](#) Martin Whitfield: East Lothian Council Achieves Living Wage Accreditation** (lodged on 19 November 2024)

New Support: Carol Mochan\*

**[S6M-15480](#) Humza Yousaf: Congratulations to Jim Fraser on Double Award Success for Lifetime Achievement** (lodged on 21 November 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-15468](#) Alex Rowley: Dignity for Drivers Report Launch** (lodged on 19 November 2024)

New Support: Carol Mochan\*

**[S6M-15368](#) Gillian Mackay: Charlotte Askham Wins Young Volunteer of the Year (Under 27) Award** (lodged on 02 December 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-15367](#) Gillian Mackay: Finlay Thompson Wins Young Official of the Year (Under 27) Award** (lodged on 02 December 2024)

New Support: Karen Adam\*

**[S6M-15347](#) Pauline McNeill: Availability and Accessibility of Toilets for People Living with a Stoma** (lodged on 08 November 2024)

New Support: Carol Mochan\*

**[S6M-14008](#) David Torrance: Kingdom Off Road Motorcycle Club Awarded £90,000 of Funding** (lodged on 06 August 2024)

New Support: Claire Baker\*

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## Oral Questions

### Topical Questions selected for answer on 10 December 2024

1. **Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the reported review of more than 1,000 CT scans, in light of concerns regarding the quality of assessments made by a consultant radiologist. ([S6T-02241](#))

2. **Kevin Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it had with the UK Government at the British Irish Council summit regarding ending the two-child benefit cap. ([S6T-02237](#))

### First Minister's Questions selected for answer on 12 December 2024

1. **Russell Findlay:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-03618](#))

2. **Anas Sarwar:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-03619](#))

3. **Lorna Slater:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-03620](#))

4. **Michelle Thomson:** To ask the First Minister what plans the Scottish Government has to bring forward legislation to criminalise non-fatal strangulation. ([S6F-03622](#))

5. **Liz Smith:** To ask the First Minister what discussions the Scottish Government has had with local authorities regarding the reported impending closure of library facilities across Scotland. ([S6F-03621](#))

6. **Pam Duncan-Glancy:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to reported comments from the Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland that "children are being let down" by an education system that needs "radical reform". ([S6F-03628](#))

### Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 18 December 2024

The following members have been randomly selected for Portfolio Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 11 December 2024. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 12 December 2024.

#### Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands

1. Annabelle Ewing
2. Kevin Stewart
3. Tim Eagle
4. Sharon Dowey
5. Marie McNair
6. Michael Marra
7. Stephen Kerr
8. Christine Grahame

#### Health and Social Care

1. Alexander Stewart



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2. David Torrance
3. Jackie Dunbar
4. Oliver Mundell
5. Douglas Ross
6. Michelle Thomson
7. Bill Kidd
8. Claire Baker

### Members selected for Portfolio Questions on 19 December 2024

The following members have been randomly selected for Portfolio Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 11 December 2024. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 12 December 2024.

#### Social Justice

1. Paul O'Kane
2. Humza Yousaf
3. Graham Simpson
4. Willie Coffey
5. Carol Mochan
6. Sandesh Gulhane
7. Gordon MacDonald
8. Clare Haughey

### Members selected for General Questions on 19 December 2024

The following members have been randomly selected for General Questions on the above date. Questions must be lodged no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 11 December 2024. These will then appear in this section of the Business Bulletin on Thursday 12 December 2024.

1. Ash Regan
2. Audrey Nicoll
3. Clare Adamson
4. Stuart McMillan
5. Jackie Baillie
6. James Dornan
7. Lorna Slater
8. Emma Harper

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## Written Questions

Questions in which a member has indicated a declarable interest are marked with an "R".

### Written questions lodged on 09 December 2024

**[S6W-31472](#) Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to its role on the steering group that maintains the Port Marine Safety Code, how it can improve the safety and wellbeing of maritime workers, in light of the Marine Accident Investigation Branch's report into the deaths of two tugboat sailors on the Clyde in February 2023, identifying 14 safety issues leading to their deaths.

**[S6W-31928](#) Ross Greer:** To ask the Scottish Government how much funding has been awarded to each local authority for the cancellation of school meal debt.

**[S6W-31931](#) Oliver Mundell:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason South of Scotland Enterprise is reportedly not able to continue funding the Langholm Alliance.

**[S6W-32028](#) Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what its position is on the flag flying policy indoors and outdoors on the parliamentary estate with respect to how and by whom decisions are made on (a) which are flown, (b) for how long they should be flown and (c) what grounds the appropriateness of the presence of any flag is assessed.

**[S6W-32029](#) Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what discussions it has had with the City of Edinburgh Council regarding whether a pedestrian crossing might be appropriate outside the Canongate entrance to improve the safety of the public, MSPs and staff who cross at this location.

**[S6W-32049](#) Michelle Thomson:** To ask the Scottish Government what the savings will be in 2025-26 as a result of the decision to freeze the basic property rate, broken down by industry sector.

**[S6W-32050](#) Douglas Lumsden:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with SEPA regarding the potential impact of closing its 24-hour call centre and replacing it with an automated system for responding to significant environmental incidents.

**[S6W-32051](#) Collette Stevenson:** To ask the Scottish Government what funding has been allocated in its draft Budget 2025-26 to mitigate any negative impact in Scotland of the UK Government's policy decisions.

**[S6W-32052](#) Jackie Dunbar:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce the time and resources required for public transport projects to go through the Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance stages.

**[S6W-32053](#) Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-31038 by Siobhian Brown on 13 November 2024, when it will (a) commence and (b) conclude its evaluation of the legal aid trainee fund; who will be involved in the evaluation; on what basis the achievement of the fund will be evaluated; should the evaluation conclude that the fund was a success, whether similar funding will be made available, and, if so, when.

**[S6W-32054](#) Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S6W-31040 by Siobhian Brown on 13 November 2024, whether it will provide the information requested regarding for what reason there has been a reported reduction in the number of criminal legal aid solicitors, since 2007, from 1,459 to 966.

**[S6W-32055](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the reported cost of £180,000 to rebrand the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) as Qualifications Scotland represents value for money.

**[S6W-32056](#) Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the proposal in its draft Budget 2025-26 that hospitality firms liable for the basic property rate will be eligible for 40% non-

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domestic rates relief, how much it would cost to extend this to retail sector businesses liable for the (a) basic, (b) intermediate and (c) higher property rate.

**[S6W-32057](#) Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government what consultation is underway with the Mobility and Access Committee Scotland (MACS) regarding the ScotRail proposal to reduce station ticket office opening hours across the network, in light of MACS reportedly indicating in its response to the 2022 consultation concern regarding the level of engagement there had been with it or other groups representing disabled people on this matter.

**[S6W-32058](#) Mark Ruskell:** To ask the Scottish Government what consultation it has had with local authorities regarding the ScotRail proposal to reduce the opening hours of a number of station ticket offices, in light of the specific requirement for face-to-face sales of local authority concessionary fares.

## Amendments

### New amendments to Bills lodged on 9 December 2024

#### Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill — Stage 3

##### After section 2B

**Ross Greer**

4 After section 2B, insert—

*<Members of House of Lords to be disqualified for membership of the Parliament*

##### **Members of House of Lords to be disqualified for membership of the Parliament**

- (1) The Scotland Act 1998 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 15(1) (disqualification from membership of the Parliament), after paragraph (bb) (inserted by section 10), insert—

“(bc) the person is a member of the House of Lords.”.
- (3) In section 16 (exceptions and relief from disqualification)—
  - (a) subsection (1) is repealed,
  - (b) after subsection (2C), insert—

“(2D) A person is not disqualified under section 15(1)(bc) if the person was returned as a member of the Parliament prior to the first ordinary general election after the Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Act 2024 received Royal Assent.”.>

##### Section 3

**Ross Greer**

5 In section 3, page 4, line 30, at end insert—

<( ) Where this section applies, the court must—

- (a) take the aggravation under subsection (1)(c) into account in determining the appropriate sentence, and
- (b) state—
  - (i) where the sentence in respect of the offence is different from that which the court would have imposed if the offence were not so aggravated, the extent of and the reasons for that difference, or
  - (ii) otherwise, the reasons for there being no such difference.>

##### After section 11

**Ross Greer**

6 After section 11, insert—

##### **<Disqualification orders: aggravation**

- (1) The Elections Act 2022 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 30—
  - (a) after subsection (3) insert—

“(3A) Where the court is a Scottish court, it must—

    - (a) take the aggravation under subsection (1)(c) into account when determining the appropriate sentence, and
    - (b) state—
      - (i) where the sentence in respect of the offence is different from that which the court would have imposed if the offence were not so aggravated, the extent of and the reasons for that difference, or
      - (ii) otherwise, the reasons for there being no such difference.”,
  - (b) in subsection (9), after the definition of “Schedule 9 offence” insert—

““Scottish court” means a court with jurisdiction over Scottish criminal law offences.”.>

### After section 13

#### Daniel Johnson

- 7 After section 13, insert—

#### <PART

#### DESCRIPTION OF CANDIDATES

#### Description of candidates in local government elections

- (1) The Scottish Local Government Elections Order 2011 (S.S.I. 2011/399) is modified as follows.
- (2) In schedule 1, rule 4, after paragraph (8), insert—

“(8A) For the purposes of paragraph (7)—

  - (a) where the word “Scottish” is not used in a registered description, the description given on the nomination paper may be preceded by that word (disregarding for this purpose the word “the” where it is the first word of the registered description),
  - (b) where the description includes the names of two or more registered political parties, the description may contain the word “and” between the names of the parties.”.>

### After section 14

#### Daniel Johnson

- 8 After section 14, insert—

#### <Recognition of third parties: joint candidates

- (1) The Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 88 (third parties recognised for the purposes of this Part), in subsection (2), after paragraph (cd), insert—

“(ce) in an election to the Scottish Parliament, a registered party in relation to any candidates standing in the joint name of the party and one or more other registered parties.”.>

**Daniel Johnson**

9 After section 14, insert—

**<Third party expenditure: exception for joint candidates**

- (1) The Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 is modified as follows.
- (2) In section 85 (controlled expenditure by third parties), in subsection (9), after paragraph (b), insert—

“(c) in an election to the Scottish Parliament, any candidates standing in the joint name of the party and one or more other registered parties.”.>

**After section 27**

**Ross Greer**

10 After section 27, insert—

**<PART**

**FORM OF BALLOT PAPERS**

**Review of order of candidates on ballot papers used at elections**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must review the method of ordering of candidates on ballot papers—
  - (a) at local government elections, and
  - (b) at Scottish Parliament elections.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers may consult such persons as they consider appropriate when undertaking such a review.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers must, by no later than the day which is 5 years after the day of coming into force of this section—
  - (a) prepare a report on that review,
  - (b) publish the report, and
  - (c) lay the report before the Scottish Parliament.
- (4) The report must, in particular, set out an assessment of—
  - (a) whether any changes should be made to the method of ordering of candidates—
    - (i) at local government elections, or
    - (ii) at Scottish Parliament elections,
  - (b) the advantages and disadvantages of different methods of randomising ballot papers or otherwise changing the ordering of candidates on ballot papers at those elections, and
  - (c) whether the Scottish Ministers propose to make or lay before the Scottish Parliament—
    - (i) an order under section 3 of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 containing new rules on the method of ordering of candidates on ballot papers in local

government elections, or

- (ii) an order under section 12 of the Scotland Act 1998 containing new rules on the method of ordering of candidates on ballot papers in Scottish Parliament elections.>

### Section 27A

#### Jamie Hepburn

- 11 In section 27A, page 20, line 34, after <2011> insert <(S.S.I. 2011/399)>

### Section 27B

#### Jamie Hepburn

- 12 In section 27B, page 21, line 10, after <2015> insert <(S.S.I. 2015/425)>

#### Jamie Hepburn

- 13 In section 27B, page 21, line 11, leave out <regulation> and insert <article>

#### Jamie Hepburn

- 14 In section 27B, page 21, line 15, leave out <regulation> and insert <article>

#### Jamie Hepburn

- 15 In section 27B, page 21, line 20, leave out <regulation> and insert <article>

#### Jamie Hepburn

- 16 In section 27B, page 21, line 24, leave out <regulation> and insert <article>

### Section 28

#### Ross Greer

- 17 In section 28, page 23, line 7, at end insert—

<( ) after subsection (2), insert—

“(2A) An order under subsection (1) is subject to the affirmative procedure if the proposed scheme implemented by the order—

- (a) includes provision regarding the method used to cast votes which differs from the Acts or other enactments mentioned in subsection (2), and
- (b) the differing provision sets out a method of specifying a voter’s preference from among the candidates to be councillor by electronic means (including using stand-alone machines, as well as the internet and other forms of electronic communication),”>

### Section 45

**Ross Greer**

- 18 In section 45, page 38, line 15, leave out <normally scheduled election> and insert <ordinary local election (within the meaning of section 43(1C) of the Representation of the People Act 1983)>

**Ross Greer**

- 19 In section 45, page 38, line 16, leave out from <, in> to end of line 17 and insert <—  
( ) in subsection (2A)(a), for “31 December 2028” substitute “31 October 2030”, and  
( ) after subsection (3), insert—  
“(4) Boundaries Scotland may not submit a report in accordance with subsection (2A)(b) or make a proposal to the Scottish Ministers following a review under subsection (3) during any period of 18 months immediately preceding the date of each ordinary local election (within the meaning of section 43(1C) of the Representation of the People Act 1983) held after 6 May 2032.”.>

**After section 45**

**Ross Greer**

- 20 After section 45, insert—  
**<Boundaries Scotland: reports on Parliament boundaries before a general election**  
(1) Schedule 1 of the Scotland Act 1998 is modified as follows.  
(2) After paragraph 3(7), insert—  
“(7A) Boundaries Scotland may not submit to the Scottish Ministers—  
(a) a report mentioned in sub-paragraph (5), or  
(b) a report under sub-paragraph (6),  
during the period of 18 months immediately preceding the date of the next ordinary general election for membership of the Parliament.”.>

**Section 47**

**Jamie Hepburn**

- 21 In section 47, page 42, line 19, leave out <a draft of the strategic plan and> and insert <the strategic plan to>

**Jamie Hepburn**

- 22 In section 47, page 42, line 31, leave out <draft >

**Jamie Hepburn**

- 23 In section 47, page 44, line 7, leave out <or 26 of the 1983 Act> and insert <, 26 or 35 of the 1983 Act and includes a person discharging the duties of such an officer in accordance with section 28 of that Act>

**Jamie Hepburn**

- 24 In section 47, page 45, line 6, at end insert—



<(3A) The convener holds office on such terms and conditions as the Parliamentary corporation may determine.>

**Jamie Hepburn**

25 In section 47, page 45, line 7, at end insert—

<(4A) The other members hold office on such terms and conditions as the convener, with the approval of the Parliamentary corporation, may determine.>

**Jamie Hepburn**

26 In section 47, page 45, line 40, at end insert—

<(2A) A period of appointment under sub-paragraph (1) or (2) must be approved by the Parliamentary corporation.>

**Jamie Hepburn**

27 In section 47, page 47, leave out lines 22 to 25 and insert—

*<Remuneration and pensions, etc. of convener and other Board members*

6 (1) The Parliamentary corporation may—

- (a) pay to the convener such remuneration, allowances and expenses as the Parliamentary corporation may determine,
- (b) pay, or make arrangements for the payment of, such pensions, allowances and gratuities to, or in respect of, any individual who holds or has held the office of the convener as the Parliamentary corporation may determine.

(2) The Board may, with the approval of the Parliamentary corporation—

- (a) pay its members (other than the convener) such remuneration, allowances and expenses as the Board may determine,
- (b) pay, or make arrangements for the payment of, such pensions, allowances and gratuities to, or in respect of any individual who holds or has held the office of a member of the Board (other than the office of convener) as the Board may determine.

(3) The arrangements mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) and (2) may include—

- (a) making payments towards the provision of those pensions, allowances and gratuities,
- (b) providing and maintaining schemes for the payment of those pensions, allowances and gratuities.

(4) The reference in sub-paragraph (3) to pensions, allowances and gratuities includes pensions, allowances and gratuities by way of compensation for loss of office.>

**Jamie Hepburn**

28 In section 47, page 47, line 28, after <conditions> insert <(including any payments of remuneration, pensions, allowances and expenses)>

**Jamie Hepburn**

29 In section 47, page 48, line 2, at end insert—

*<Advisers and other services*

- 8A (1) The Board may obtain advice, assistance or any other service from any person who, in the opinion of the Board, is qualified to give it.
- (2) The Board may pay to that person such fees and allowances as the Board determines.
- (3) Any payment under sub-paragraph (2) is subject to the approval of the Parliamentary corporation.>

**Jamie Hepburn**

- 30** In section 47, page 48, line 12, at end insert—

*<Sharing of premises, staff, services and other resources*

- 9A The Board must comply with any direction given by the Parliamentary corporation as to the sharing of premises, staff, services or other resources with any other public body or any officeholder.>

**Jamie Hepburn**

- 31** In section 47, page 48, leave out line 28

**Jamie Hepburn**

- 32** In section 47, page 48, line 31, leave out <(1)(b)> and insert <(1)>

**Jamie Hepburn**

- 33** In section 47, page 48, leave out lines 35 and 36

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## New Subordinate Legislation

### Not subject to parliamentary procedure

The following instrument was laid before Parliament on 9 December 2024 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

[Housing \(Cladding Remediation\) \(Scotland\) Act 2024 \(Commencement\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/370 \(C. 24\)\)](#)

Laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

## Members' Bills Proposals

### Proposals for Member's Bills

A member seeking to introduce a Member's Bill must first lodge a draft proposal, together with a consultation document (or a statement of reasons why consultation is not considered necessary). Subsequently, the member may lodge a final proposal, in broadly similar terms to the draft, accompanied by a summary of consultation responses (or the statement of reasons). The member secures the right to introduce a Bill to give effect to the proposal if the final proposal secures, within one month, the support of at least 18 other members from at least half the political parties or groups represented in the Parliamentary Bureau, and provided no statement is made that the Scottish Government is planning equivalent legislation.

All current proposals (together with associated documents) are available on the Scottish Parliament website at Proposals for Members' Bills/Session 6 Proposals:

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### Final Proposal for a Member's Bill

**Monica Lennon: Proposed Ecocide Prevention (Scotland) Bill**—Proposal for a Bill to protect the environment in Scotland and deter environmental damage by introducing the crime of ecocide into Scots law. (lodged 12 November 2024)

The proposal was accompanied by a summary of consultation responses, which is accessible online via the website page referred to above. The summary, and individual responses, may also be viewed in the Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe).

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## Progress of Legislation

A list of all Bills in progress can be accessed via the website at:

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As soon as a Public Bill (i.e. a Government, Committee or Member's Bill) has completed Stage 1, amendments for consideration at Stage 2 may be lodged; and as soon as Stage 2 is completed, amendments for Stage 3 consideration may be lodged. The last lodging day for amendments at Stage 2 is four sitting days before the meeting at which those amendments will be considered (e.g. Wednesday for a meeting on Tuesday); at Stage 3 it is five days before. Amendments may be lodged until 4.30 pm on any sitting day, except on the last lodging day for each Stage, when the deadline is 12 noon.

A Hybrid Bill is subject to the same rules except in the case of Stage 2 where amendments for consideration may be lodged no earlier than the completion of any consideration of evidence at Stage 2.

Amendments to Private Bills are subject to different deadlines. These are set out in Rule 9A.12 of Standing Orders.

Members are advised to lodge amendments in good time before the beginning of a Stage and as early as possible during the day.

(G) = Government Bill; (M) = Member's Bill; (C) = Committee Bill; (P) = Private Bill; (H) = Hybrid Bill.

### **Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill (M)**

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 19 November 2024  
*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (55<sup>th</sup> Report, 2024)*

### **Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (lead committee (Criminal Justice)), 30 October 2024  
Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 26 November 2024

### **Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill (M)**

Stage 1 (lead committee (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice)), 19 November 2024  
Stage 1 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee)), 25 June 2024

### **Education (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 18 December 2024  
*Stage 1 Report – Education, Children and Young People Committee (6<sup>th</sup> Report, 2024)*

### **European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill (M)**

Passed, 23 March 2021

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*Following a reference under section 33 of the Scotland Act 1998 by the Attorney General and the Advocate General for Scotland, the Supreme Court has ruled that some provisions of the Bill are outwith the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament. The Bill cannot be submitted for Royal Assent in its unamended form.*

### **Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Passed, 22 December 2022

*Following an Order under section 35 of the Scotland Act 1998 made by the Secretary of State for Scotland, this Bill cannot be submitted for Royal Assent in its current form.*

### **Housing (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 completed, 28 November 2024

*Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team*  
[\*\(legislationteam@parliament.scot\)\*](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot)

### **Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 10 December 2024

*Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (72nd Report, 2024)*

### **Land Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport)), 10 December 2024

Stage 1 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 26 November 2024

### **National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Before Stage 2 (evidence (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)), 26 November 2024

*Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team*  
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### **Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Stage 2 completed, 2 October 2024

*Report after Stage 2 – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (71st Report, 2024)*  
*Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team*  
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### **Prisoners (Early Release) (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Passed, 26 November 2024

### **Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Before Stage 2 (Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee), 26 November 2024

*Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team*  
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### **Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill (M)**

Stage 1 (lead committee (Health, Social Care and Sport)), 10 December 2024

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (62nd Report, 2024)*

### **Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill (M)**

Stage 1 (evidence, lead committee (Education, Children and Young People)), 27 November 2024

Stage 1 (evidence (Finance and Public Administration Committee)), 19 November 2024

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*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (63<sup>rd</sup> Report, 2024)*

### **Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill (G)**

Stage 3 (debate, meeting of the Parliament), 17 December 2024

After Stage 2 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 3 December 2024

*All amendments should be lodged by 12 noon on Tuesday 10 December with the clerks in the Legislation Team ([legislationteam@parliament.scot](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot))*

### **Scottish Languages Bill (G)**

Stage 2 (Day 1) (Education, Children and Young People Committee), 11 December 2024

### **Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Passed, 3 December 2024

### **Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)**

Before Stage 2 (evidence (Criminal Justice Committee)), 11 December 2024

*Stage 2 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team ([legislationteam@parliament.scot](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot))*

### **Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill (M)**

Stage 2 completed, 18 September 2024

After Stage 2 (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 3 December 2024

*Stage 3 amendments may now be lodged with the clerks in the Legislation Team ([legislationteam@parliament.scot](mailto:legislationteam@parliament.scot))*

## **Legislative Consent Memorandums**

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### **Data (Use and Access) Bill LCM-S6-52**

Lodged on 22 November 2024

*Lead committee – Economy and Fair Work*

### **Great British Energy Bill LCM-S6-48**

Lodged on 8 August 2024

*Lead committee – Net Zero, Energy and Transport*

### **High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill LCM-S6-15**

Lodged on 7 February 2022

*Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (9<sup>th</sup> Report, 2022)*

*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (27<sup>th</sup> Report, 2022)*

### **Product Regulation and Metrology Bill LCM-S6-50**

Lodged on 24 September 2024

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Meeting (evidence, lead committee (Economy and Fair Work)), 11 December 2024  
*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (74<sup>th</sup> Report, 2024)*

**Renters' Rights Bill LCM-S6-49**

Lodged on 24 September 2024

Meeting (evidence, lead committee (Local Government, Housing and Planning)), 10 December 2024  
*Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (69<sup>th</sup> Report, 2024)*

**Tobacco and Vapes Bill LCM-S6-51**

Lodged on 21 November 2024

*Lead committee – Health, Social Care and Sport*

**Subordinate Legislation** (date of laying) (lead committee)

**Made Affirmative instruments**

**Subject to approval by 16 January 2024**

[Land and Buildings Transaction Tax \(additional amount: transactions relating to second homes etc.\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 202 \(SSI 2024/367\) \(4 December 2024\)](#) (Finance and Public Administration Committee)

**Affirmative instruments**

**Subject to approval by 13 December 2024**

[Regulated Roles \(Prohibitions and Requirements\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\) \(4 November 2024\)](#) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

**Subject to approval by 8 January 2025**

[Burial \(Management\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\) \(14 November 2024\)](#) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Burial and Cremation \(Inspection\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\) \(14 November 2024\)](#) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

**Subject to approval by 12 January 2025**

[Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 \(Exclusions and Exceptions\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\) \(18 November 2024\)](#) (Criminal Justice Committee)

**Subject to approval by 16 January 2025**

[Electronic Monitoring \(Use of Devices and Information\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\) \(22 November 2024\)](#) (Criminal Justice Committee)

**Subject to approval by 27 January 2025**



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[Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme \(Amendment\) Order 2025 \(SI 2025/Draft\)](#) (3 December 2024) (Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee)

### Negative instruments

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**Lead committee report due by 9 December 2024**

[Council Tax Reduction \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 3\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/310\)](#) (1 November 2024) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

[Disability Assistance \(Scottish Adult Disability Living Allowance\) \(Consequential Amendment, Revocation and Saving Provision\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/311\)](#) (1 November 2024) (Social Justice and Social Security Committee)

**Subject to annulment 13 December 2024**  
**Lead committee report due by 9 December 2024**

[Protection of Vulnerable Groups \(Referrals by Chief Constable\) \(Prescribed Information\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/313\)](#) (4 November 2024) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

[Protection of Vulnerable Groups \(Information for Listing and Vetting\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/314\)](#) (4 November 2024) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

[Level 1 and Level 2 Disclosure Information \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/315\)](#) (4 November 2024) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

[Consideration of Suitability for Regulated Roles \(Prescribed Purposes\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/316\)](#) (4 November 2024) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

[Disclosure and Use of Level 2 Disclosures \(Prescribed Purpose and Circumstances\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/317\)](#) (4 November 2024) (Education, Children and Young People Committee)

**Subject to annulment 16 December 2024**  
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[Official Controls \(Import of High Risk Food and Feed of Non-Animal Origin\) Amendment \(Scotland\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/324\)](#) (7 November 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

**Subject to annulment 17 December 2024**  
**Lead committee report due by 16 December 2024**

[Food Safety \(Sampling and Qualifications\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/326\)](#) (8 November 2024) (Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

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[Building \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/327\)](#) (8 November 2024)  
(Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

[Feed Additives \(Authorisations\) and Uses of Feed Intended for Particular Nutritional Purposes \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/330\)](#) (8 November 2024)  
(Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

**Subject to annulment 8 January 2025**  
**Lead committee report due by 6 January 2025**

[Burial \(Applications and Register\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/334\)](#) (14 November 2024)  
(Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

[Public Procurement \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/338\)](#) (14 November 2024)  
(Economy and Fair Work Committee)

**Subject to annulment 15 January 2025**  
**Lead committee report due by 13 January 2025**

[Sports Grounds and Sporting Events \(Designation\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/352\)](#) (21 November 2024)  
(Health, Social Care and Sport Committee)

**Subject to annulment 16 January 2025**  
**Lead committee report due by 13 January 2025**

[Electronic Monitoring \(Approved Devices\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/354\)](#) (22 November 2024)  
(Criminal Justice Committee)

**Subject to annulment 29 January 2025**  
**Lead committee report due by 27 January 2025**

[Town and Country Planning \(Fees for Applications\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/369\)](#) (5 December 2024)  
(Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

**Subject to annulment 30 January 2025**  
**Lead committee report due by 27 January 2025**

[Conservation of Salmon \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/368\)](#) (6 December 2024)  
(Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

## New Documents

### Committee Reports

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### Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 9 December 2024 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Community Justice Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2023/24 (SG/2024/178)** laid under Section 11(4) of the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016

**Highlands and Islands Enterprise Annual Report and Accounts 2023/24 (SG/2024/199)** laid under Section 30 of the Enterprise and New Towns (Scotland) Act 1990

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